

CHEMIST QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS YOUR NAME AND HOW ARE YOU EMPLOYED? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE LAB? WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT POSITION? ANY EXPERIENCE WITH ANY OTHER DRUG LABS?
2. IS YOUR LAB A DESIGNATED DRUG TESTING LAB FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PURSUANT TO THE MASS GENERAL LAWS?
3. IS THERE A HIERARCHY OF JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AT THE LAB? IS THAT BASED UPON TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE? WHAT DO YOU DO AT THE LAB?
4. WHAT IS YOUR ACADEMIC BACKGROUND, ESPECIALLY RELATING TO SCIENCE? WHAT SOCIETIES OR PROFESSIONAL GROUPS DO YOU BELONG TO?
5. WHAT SPECIFIC TRAINING DID YOU RECEIVE TO WORK AT THE LAB? WERE YOU TESTED TO SHOW YOU WERE ABLE TO PERFORM THE WORK REQUIRED OF YOU AT THE LAB?
6. IS THERE ONGOING TRAINING AT THE LAB TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN YOUR FIELD? ARE THERE ONGOING PROFICIENCY EXAMS CONDUCTED AT THE LAB? HOW ARE THOSE CONDUCTED?
7. DURING YOUR TIME AT THE LAB, HOW MANY DRUG ANALYSES HAVE YOU CONDUCTED? HOW MANY INVOLVING HEROIN?
8. HAVE YOU EVER TESTIFIED IN COURTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH REGARDING TESTING PROCEDURES IN RELATION TO DRUG ANALYSES?
9. HOW DO THE SUSPECTED DRUGS TO BE TESTED COME TO YOUR LAB? WHO INITIALLY RECEIVES THE DRUGS AND WHAT DOES HE/SHE DO WITH THEM? IS THIS ACCORDING TO SET PROTOCOLS FOR THE LAB? DOES THE LAB RECEIVE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION FROM THE POLICE SO THE ITEMS TESTED CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A SPECIFIC INCIDENT?
10. HOW DOES A CHEMIST RECEIVE THE DRUGS HE/SHE IS GOING TO TEST? ARE THEY RECEIVED ACCORDING TO A SET PROTOCOL USED BY THE LAB?
11. WHAT STEPS DO YOU TAKE WHEN YOU RECEIVE AN ITEM TO PREPARE IT TO BE TESTED? IS THIS ACCORDING TO SET PROTOCOLS FOR THE LAB? AFTER PREPARATION, WHAT TESTS DO YOU RUN ON THE SUSPECTED DRUGS? AGAIN, PER PROTOCOL FOR THE LAB? BRIEFLY, EXPLAIN EACH

OF THESE TESTS? DO YOU SEAL THE ITEMS TESTED AFTER TESTING? DO YOU PUT THE CORRESPONDING LAB NUMBER ON THE SEALED ITEMS OR DO THE POLICE?

12. ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR TESTS, DO YOU PRODUCE A CERTIFICATE SHOWING THE RESULTS? HOW IS THAT CERTIFICATE PRODUCED? PRIOR TO THE CERTIFICATE BEING PRODUCED ARE YOUR RESULTS REVIEWED BY ANYONE ELSE AT THE LAB?
13. ONCE THE CERTIFICATE IS PRODUCED ARE THE ITEMS AND ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE EVENTUALLY RETURNED TO THE POLICE?
14. NOW IS THE EQUIPMENT YOU USE CALIBRATED TO ENSURE IT IS WORKING PROPERLY? HOW OFTEN IS IT CALIBRATED AND WHO CALIBRATES IT? PRIOR TO EACH USE DO YOU CHECK THE EQUIPMENT TO ENSURE IT IS WORKING PROPERLY?
15. DID YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ANALYZE THE ITEMS LABELED FROM _____ TO _____?
16. DID YOU FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES THAT YOU JUST OUTLINED TO TEST THESE ITEMS? WHAT TESTS DID YOU PERFORM ON THE ITEMS FOR LAB# _____? WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THAT TESTING? HAD THE EQUIPMENT BEEN CALIBRATED PRIOR TO TESTING?
17. WAS THERE A WEIGHT ESTABLISHED FOR THE ITEMS TESTED? HOW DID YOU DETERMINE THAT WEIGHT? HAD THE SCALE BEEN CALIBRATED PRIOR TO YOUR WEIGHING? WHAT WAS THE WEIGHT OF THE DRUGS FOUND IN LAB# _____?